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(54) Title: DETECTION OF EVOLUTIONARY BOTTLENECKING BY DNA SEQUENCING AS A METHOD TO DISCOVER GENES OF VALUE

(57) Abstract: This invention relates to using molecular and evolutionary techniques to identify polynucleotide and polypeptide sequences corresponding to commercially or aesthetically relevant traits in domesticated plants and animals, specifically, a method to detect evolutionary bottleneck sequences.



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<b>C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT</b>		
Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
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## Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of Item 1 of first sheet)

This international report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. ☐ Claim Nos.:  
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
2. ☒ Claim Nos.: 8 and [9]  
because they relate to parts of the international application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful international search can be carried out, specifically:  
There is no claim 9. Claim 8 depends from claim 9 and is so incomplete that no meaningful search can be accomplished for claim 8.
3. ☐ Claim Nos.:  
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

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This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

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2. ☐ As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
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4. ☐ No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this international search report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:

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